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CITY OF DETROIT
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
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3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good evening everyone. Can
4 you hear me? We're going to start the meeting. We don't
5 have a quorum, so I just want to start by saying welcome
6 to tonight's meeting. We have an invocation that will be
7 given by Chaplain Peggy James via Zoom. If we could start
8 with that please. Thank you.

9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Chaplain, please unmute.

10 CHAPLAIN JAMES: Hello everyone.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Hello?

12 CHAPLAIN JAMES: Hello. Can you hear me?

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, we can.

14 CHAPLAIN JAMES: Not sure if I can be heard.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, chaplain, please, if
16 you could give the invocation.

17 MS. UNDERWOOD: Chaplain, James, you can go ahead and
18 please give the invocation, please.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Are we having technical
20 difficulties?

21 MS. UNDERWOOD: Chaplain James, can you hear us in
22 the room?

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes. Could we please have
24 Reverend Warfield give the invocation?

25 REVEREND WARFIELD: Let us pray. Father, we come this

1 afternoon and we thank you for all of your bountiful
2 blessings and the abilities that you give us. As we come
3 here tonight for this meeting of community and public
4 safety. We ask, Lord, that you would grace us with your
5 presence, that you would order our discussions and our
6 talks, and that you would anoint and adjoin our agenda so
7 that it represents heaven's justice, heaven's mercy. We
8 ask that you bless the men and women of the Detroit
9 Police Department, as well as the men and women of the
10 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners and our staff.
11 Bless us in a great way. We thank you for all of your
12 blessings. In Christ's name I pray, amen. Amen.

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Amen. Thank you Reverend.
14 Before we go to public comment, I just want to thank the
15 New Providence Baptist Church for hosting us this
16 evening. It's a beautiful place. We have a very nice
17 crowd here tonight. And thank you so much for providing
18 us with this space. Okay. Can we go to public comment,
19 please?

20 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Madam Chair. Our first speaker
21 will be former Commissioner William Davis. After
22 Commissioner Davis we'll go to Ms. Victoria. Camille, oh,
23 I'm sorry, I have them out of order. And Reverend Lucius
24 Conway,

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Please.

1 MR. DAVIS: Hello everyone.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Hello.

3 MR. DAVIS: As usual, I have concerns. One of my
4 concerns is the fact that most recently, I've noticed,
5 like I say, I'm the vice president of Barton Mcfarlane
6 Neighbors Association, and I've just noticed recently
7 that we've had a lot of kids. I say kids because I'm a
8 senior, but you know, people in their teens and their
9 twenties riding mini bikes going up and down and through
10 traffic with no lights on at nighttime. I just saw almost
11 an accident because people had to stand on their brakes.
12 These people are cutting in and out running red lights.
13 And separately, I have a concern about people still
14 running red lights. It's only going to get worse as it
15 gets hotter. Hopefully, we could step up enforcement on
16 people running red lights. Hopefully we could step up
17 enforcement about, some people pull up to a red light,
18 they might pull up in the turn lane, and they go around
19 in front of the people that are in the proper line and
20 just run the red lights, you know, so that's even worse,
21 I think. So we have a whole lot more we need to be doing.
22 We need to make the city a whole lot safer than as a poor
23 City of Detroit retired, perhaps my insurance rates would
24 go down if we truly had a reduction in, you know, vehicle
25 problems. So that's all I have to say for today, other

1 than happy birthday young lady.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you kindly, yesterday.
3 Thank you. Next.

4 MS. CAMILLE: Good evening, commissioners.

5 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Good evening.

6 MS. CAMILLE: Good evening, and happy birthday, Madam
7 Chair. Okay, so my name is Victoria Camille, District
8 seven. And a couple things that I wanted to mention
9 today. So, first of all, I just want to commend the board
10 for adopting the resolution pushing back on DPD
11 cooperation with ICE. So thank you for doing that. I also
12 would like to urge the board to make sure to follow
13 through on the items in the resolution and make sure that
14 that task force is formed to monitor whatever federal
15 activity is going on and handle it accordingly. You have
16 in your possession an article that talks about the fact
17 that DPD not cooperating with ICE is not a crime. It is
18 not illegal, and we need to make sure that we move
19 forward on that as the residents of Detroit have
20 requested. In addition to that, I'd like to bring back
21 Sherman Lee Butler. You also have, and everyone in the
22 room as well, has a QR code and a short URL to look at a
23 video that talks about what actually happened in this
24 young man's death just about a year ago now. And at that
25 time when Sherman was killed and he was tased by DPD

1 officers and then shot to death by the bailiff. There was
2 a lot of narrative in the media about the bailiff being a
3 hero and the bailiff and the officers doing everything
4 they could to deescalate the situation. And over time,
5 and thankfully that video was finally released in
6 December, and it was very obvious that DPD policy was not
7 followed which resulted in Sherman being killed.

8 In addition to that, there was not very much
9 commentary about that. So I appreciate the Office of the
10 Chief Investigator for handling the information that I
11 submitted as a complaint. And that complaint is now
12 complete. The investigative report has been released by
13 FOIA that is talked about in this video that you have
14 access to here. I encourage everyone to take a look at it
15 as well as on that page, there's a copy of the actual
16 investigative report. My concern is transparency, because
17 we don't expect officers to be perfect. They're humans.
18 They make mistakes, and certainly they're impacted by the
19 culture that they work within. However, when we don't get
20 the story right with the public, we have to come back and
21 make it right with the public. And I don't understand why
22 the board and the department have not yet come forward to
23 the public to say, look, we got it wrong, here's what
24 we're going to do to make it right with the family, and
25 here's what we're going to do to make sure that this

1 never happens again. And that's what transparency and
2 accountability is about. So I would urge that the board
3 and the department certainly take those steps so that we
4 can start to build trust back up with the community.

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHE: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: A quick question. Excuse me,
8 Victoria, do you have an article in River Rise? Is that
9 why I have it?

10 MS. CAMILLE: I don't have an article on that. Just
11 in case you didn't get one, just left you with one.
12 That's all

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHE: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through, through the Chair, I
15 would like to say that we did order a policy review on
16 the Sherman Lee Butler's situation. And it was through
17 our directive to the chief investigator to get that done
18 and do a policy review. It also remains an ongoing
19 investigation with the Detroit Police Department. And
20 they'll be finalizing their things very, very soon. And
21 all of that is open and transparent. And we've been very,
22 very consistently engaging the department on this. And
23 I'm very, very happy that Chief Bettison responded in a
24 forthright and integral way to be able to get the stuff
25 done in a decently and orderly way. I don't know if the

1 chief wants to say anything on that and not in terms of
2 timeline of the investigation or not.

3 CHIEF BETTISON: Mr. Vice Chair, I'll have to check
4 the status of it, but you really summed it up well and
5 we're always looking for continuous improvement and
6 learning; and it was another agency as well. And so when
7 it comes to working with the bailiffs, ensuring too that
8 recommendations are made to that entity as far as
9 training for their personnel. You can never get enough
10 training.

11 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, Chief. Next
12 speaker, please.

13 REVEREND CONWAY: Good evening. My name is Reverend
14 Lucius Conway. I'm a candidate for District 2, for this
15 honorable body. I said not simply to critique ---

16 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Sir, excuse me, I didn't
17 understand what you had said.

18 REVEREND CONWAY: I said my name is Reverend Lucius
19 Conway. I'm a candidate for District 2 of this honorable
20 body.

21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.

22 REVEREND CONWAY: I stand not simply to critique, but
23 to construct. Today I submit what I call the civilian
24 command directive, a formal resolution asking this board
25 to expand its current presumption of misconduct policy

1 from a narrow trigger to a governing principle. You've
2 already acknowledged that when there's no body cam
3 footage, misconduct may be presumed. I'm saying let's go
4 further. Let's codify that principle across the full
5 spectrum of civil rights complaints; force unlawful stops
6 and discrimination. So civilians are no longer facing an
7 uphill climb just to be believed. Attached, I have a
8 protocol, manual and operational framework to guide the
9 Office of the Chief Investigator in applying this
10 standard fairly, quickly, and transparently. If civilian
11 oversight is real, then it must have rules. If justice is
12 to be equal, then so must be the burden of proof. And if
13 this body truly stands with and for the people, then
14 let's make this presumption, not the exception, but the
15 rule. And I will provide this to the secretary for
16 dissemination among the commissioners.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Next speaker,
18 please.

19 MS. UNDERWOOD: Our next speaker will be Ms. Bernice
20 Smith, Minister Eric Blount, and Ms. Williams. Then we'll
21 go into Zoom unless there are some others who want to
22 speak.

23 MS. SMITH: Good evening everyone. It's a pleasure to
24 be here as usual. And definitely a pleasure to see my
25 chief because I'm looking at him on TV most of the time,

1 because he's a busy young man, that's for sure. With all
2 the crime going on here in our city, I am very, very
3 upset about it because I look at the news at 11 o'clock
4 in the morning on Channel 2. So I get to see most of
5 what's going on in our city. Now, my main thing is what
6 is going on with these youngsters? Most of the crime
7 that's being committed that I see and listen to, is under
8 30 years old. I am very upset about that because being a
9 mother of five and grandmother of five, I know what it is
10 to take care of your children. But what are the parents
11 doing?

12 That's what my concern is. If they live at home,
13 then you should know what your children are doing. And
14 this is my main concern now with all the crime that's
15 being committed within the last several weeks. And it is
16 tiring to see that the youngsters are hijacking, they're
17 shooting, they're going into the gas stations and they're
18 shooting in the gas stations. It's horrible to sit and
19 look at it. I'm not working, so all I have to do is watch
20 the news and see what my chief is doing and what my
21 police are doing. And they're doing a hell of a good job.
22 I do admire them. They're out there every day doing the
23 job that we expect them to do. Now, I have one thing that
24 I want to let you know about. My son lives at --- well,
25 I'm not going to give his address ---

1 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Thank you.

2 MS. SMITH: Lives on West Grand Boulevard. But I go
3 over there every Sunday. Chief knows I call him up when
4 I'm at dinner over there. They told me this past Sunday
5 when I was over there at dinner, they said, mama, can you
6 do something? No. They didn't say, can you do something?
7 Can you have an idea what we have to do about drag
8 racing? They're drag racing on West Grand Boulevard there
9 at Buchanan. And I said, are you serious? And he said ---
10 time up. Oh my God. Anyway, can we have the police survey
11 over there at Buchanan, because they were drag racing,
12 going around and everything. And we didn't have the
13 police. I told them, why didn't you call the police? They
14 would've come. So please check most of these areas where
15 they're doing the drag racing on Saturdays and Sunday
16 nights. I thank you so much for your time.

17 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Chief, I wonder
18 if you could respond to the youth violence that we're
19 experiencing, especially the shootings, because I know
20 you had a press conference about some changes that you
21 were going to be making?

22 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you Madam Chair. During my
23 report, that's going to be the first thing that I touch
24 on.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: We may not have it because

1 we don't have a quorum.

2 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you. Well, it is definitely my
3 pleasure to be here. And so the 4th of July weekend was
4 definitely a rough weekend. And so I had the opportunity
5 to be on TV and not want it to be. But I just want to put
6 some things in perspective as well. When we talk about
7 the number and as far as crime in the City of Detroit,
8 compared to last year and the year before that, and the
9 year before that, it is down in every category of violent
10 crime. But like I said, during the news interviews, when
11 we have a 4-year-old shot and then a couple days later, I
12 have a 2-year-old shot. That right there with the
13 community response and how it really affects all of us,
14 it brings us all together. You know, we in the city do
15 not and will not tolerate that.

16 And it started out with the shooting at the
17 fireworks, you know, at the right beginning of the summer
18 as it got hot. And that really shook us. We hadn't seen
19 that in a while. As a result, like I said, we will be
20 relentless in holding individuals responsible. I have a
21 great team when it comes to being fully staffed. I have
22 some of the best trained officers, detectives, I have
23 technology; there are cameras everywhere. And so it's
24 very easy to identify. Now, street crime, as the who did
25 it. The board has approved license plate readers. And so

1 I have a whole host of things to be able to get the right
2 folks. And so with the gentleman, and I want to thank the
3 community, with the fireworks shooting, because once we
4 posted his picture out there, both of their pictures, the
5 community responded, ASAP. As a matter of fact, somebody
6 from the community actually sent me the young man's cell
7 phone number and said, chief, chief, you can call him.
8 And there were various individuals trying to conceal his
9 identity and trying to help him leave the state. And, you
10 know, I definitely advised them not to do that. Well,
11 needless to say, a couple days ago, as a matter of fact.
12 On Wednesday of last week, I announced that we were very
13 close, and I did make an announcement that we had
14 arrested him. And as of today, he was charged with the
15 young man from the fireworks and given a \$500,000 cash
16 bond charged with two counts of assault, with intent to
17 commit murder amongst a host of other things. But it
18 still ruined my fireworks and it ruined a whole lot of
19 other people's fireworks that day. Now, going on into
20 what happened at the park with a 4-year-old playing on a
21 play skate, sliding down a slide was hit by a stray
22 bullet. And now I think most of you know, you know what
23 it resulted over, it resulted over teenagers having a
24 dispute amongst one of the --- what they call a PTI mask.
25 And so, for you all don't know, Pooh Shiesty is a rapper

1 and you see a lot of the young people wearing masks over
2 their face now. And so one of the young men was on a bus
3 with his girlfriend, and somebody snatched his mask,
4 hurting his feelings really bad. And so he decided to go
5 tell his friends. And as a result, they decided to arm
6 themselves, get in a car and go around to the park and
7 just let bullets fly., striking a little 4-year-old, you
8 know, right there with this.

9 And another young man. So an 18-year-old lost his
10 life and a 4-year-old lost his life. And a 17-year-old
11 will recover. And Commissioner Woods made the hospital
12 with me as well. Commissioner Liberty Smith made the
13 hospital as well. And, you know, if that wasn't bad
14 enough, I was notified the day after the 4th of July. So
15 that would've been like the 5th, where a little 2-year-
16 old was with his mother, and, you know, some teenagers
17 over at the village, the village park, about a hundred or
18 so of them there. They got into a dispute with each
19 other, past curfew hours and bullets were flying in the
20 park and as a result, a stray bullet went and struck her
21 2-year-old.

22 Thank God he's going to survive. I'm going to
23 actually be going to the hospital tomorrow to visit him
24 along with his mother. And I hear that he's recovering
25 well. So what are we doing about it? Well, one of the

1 things that we're looking at is the fact with the uptick
2 in teen violence; you know, either they're getting shot
3 or they're shooting someone. We just arrested a 15-year-
4 old earlier this week. A matter of fact, on Monday we
5 arrested a 15-year-old; no, it was Tuesday. I'm sorry.
6 Tuesday, we arrested a 15-year-old because he shot a 50
7 something year old man at a gas station at 1 o'clock in
8 the morning. He shouldn't have been out shooting somebody
9 at 1 o'clock in the morning. So on Monday, I announced,
10 along with Mayor Duggan, that we were stepping up curfew
11 enforcement.

12 You know, oftentimes you will hear the police
13 department, the chief or whoever, when it's time for the
14 fireworks, we'll come out and we'll say, hey, we need a
15 special curfew, because we know that a lot of young
16 people from all over, from Inkster, from River Rouge,
17 from Detroit, from everywhere, everybody's going to
18 converge onto downtown Detroit. And we know that
19 unsupervised young folks without appropriate or
20 responsible supervision have a tendency to fight. And
21 it's not just Detroit. I mean, we're seeing it in Novi,
22 we're seeing it across the country. I don't know if you
23 saw the video clips from what's happening in
24 Philadelphia, but this is a conversation that we're
25 having everywhere. So we asked for a special curfew, we

1 asked for a curfew at 8:00 PM but what about the rest of
2 the city? What about your neighborhoods and what about
3 the current curfew?

4 So as a step to be able to, from a preventative
5 standpoint, we are enforcing, and I've directed that all
6 my command officers push it down to their officers and
7 we're going to be enforcing this curfew citywide. And
8 it's not from a punitive standpoint. We want to make sure
9 that we get the attention of parents and that we hold
10 parents responsible. Mayor Duggan has also put in an
11 amendment request to the current ordinance because Mayor
12 Coleman Young, back in the 80s, when he was mayor, he
13 established this curfew. Now, the fee hasn't increased.
14 It hasn't increased since the early 80s. And we know that
15 everything goes up and I just want to put a premium on
16 the protection of our young people. And so it has to have
17 some type of a deterrent effect. So that's the reason
18 that we're requesting that the curfew, the parent
19 responsibility fee go from \$75 for a first offense, up to
20 \$250, and for a second offense it would be up to \$500.
21 One of the things with the older curfew, things that it
22 had in there is it had that, you know, there could
23 possibly be some jail time or something like that. I will
24 tell you this, it is not my intention nor Mayor Duggan's
25 intention or anybody's intention to put parents in jail.

1 But we do want to have other things in there that when
2 they go before the court, that the judge, as a deterrent
3 aspect or a negotiating aspect, hey, if you can't pay the
4 fee, go to parent boot camps. Go somewhere. Because when
5 I say responsible parents, I had to sit back and think,
6 well, some of them think they are responsible. And when
7 we say it takes a village to raise a child, then it's
8 going to take all of us to get involved and ensure that
9 whether it's your sister, whether it's your auntie,
10 whomever, the uncle, that we help them to be responsible.

11 And so oftentimes you can't tell people what to do,
12 but a judge can mandate some things that they do in
13 regards to drag racing and drifting. Just like we study
14 them and we have put things in place to disrupt and know
15 where they go. And I'm talking about the people who
16 engage in the donuts. They love doing it across the
17 country. And so we have started early this year from a
18 deterrent standpoint, and we have had people come from
19 other cities to just want to do it in our city. And early
20 in the spring they started up and we were able to
21 identify and prevent, stop, impound cars, et cetera. But
22 let's face it, they realized, and people have realized
23 that my drag racing drifting detail, they get off at
24 three in the morning. And what happens then?

25 They outweigh us. They're smart. So they get started

1 going really good at about 4 or 5 in the mornings. And so
2 as a result realizing we're going to make the appropriate
3 adjustment and Mayor Duggan has authorized overtime for
4 me to extend the hours of my mobile field towards my drag
5 racing drifting detail. And so, therefore, I'm going to
6 have officers out up until six o'clock in the morning to
7 be able to respond to that as well. So those are some of
8 the things that we're doing, but that's not it, because
9 folks will say, well, Chief Bettison, that's not enough.
10 I know it's not enough. I will be working to ensure that
11 we create, and I'm talking about working with the
12 philanthropic community, working with you all, working
13 with the City Council to ensure that we create more
14 opportunities for young people to do stuff, to keep them
15 busy during the summer months.

16 And so I'm happy to be able to report that today, I
17 was with the police explorers with D. Rob from the 11th
18 Precinct. He had about 150 young people in an explorer
19 camp on a college campus. And when I looked at the kids,
20 I was very impressed because I could tell they was our
21 kids. Neighborhood Police Officer D. Rob had kids from
22 this community up there. And over the years we've always
23 done the explore camp, but things get better and better.
24 He had them on a college campus and they were engaged.
25 And this is the test of how I know it's effective.

1 Typically, when you see a group of young kids and you
2 say, hey, it could be 50 of them, and I have done this.
3 How many of you all want to be a police officer? If I get
4 one hand to go up, I'm lucky. Today, because they have
5 been exposed, half the hands went up.

6 Another thing, and I'll wrap up after this, but I
7 just want to let the community and the audience know that
8 it's always the, and; you know, it's not one thing that
9 causes crime, it's not one thing. So we have to attack it
10 with a whole bunch of different layers so that we can
11 continuously push it down. On Tuesday, the mayor and I,
12 along with Grow Detroit Young Talent staff had the
13 opportunity to have the kickoff. And so we have well over
14 a thousand kids in Detroiters that have started with Grow
15 Detroit Young Talent and that they're going to be
16 employed for the summer, learning soft skills. And they
17 have the opportunity to have money in their pocket. And
18 about 500 hundred of them are junior policing cadets. And
19 so that's helping to bridge the gap, but it's also
20 helping to ensure that our young people have things to do
21 during the summer.

22 And then lastly our community violence intervention
23 groups, they came to me, because they work with the 1% to
24 2% of the kids that are really driving violence; our
25 young people are mediating it. And so guess what they

1 said, you all? They said, and we had been planning this,
2 we actually started a summer basketball league for those
3 individuals and last Saturday they had their first game.
4 And so these are groups that normally oppose and look at
5 each other as opposition and would commit violence
6 towards each other on site. But we actually had them
7 playing basketball and we got their parents involved and
8 it's mediating and they're realizing that they're all the
9 same. So I will tell you that we are just going to
10 continue. This department will continue. We won't stop
11 until we get the desired results that we need. Our young
12 people deserve it. So Commissioner Chair, thank you so
13 much for allowing me this opportunity.

14 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you Chief. And I would
15 appreciate it if some of this information, since we don't
16 have a quorum tonight, could be shared again next week.
17 We will have a quorum next week. The problem, just so you
18 know, is that it's July and a lot of people are on
19 vacation and they're traveling out of town. And we do
20 have a couple of commissioners that are traveling. But we
21 would like to hear a lot of this again next week if
22 possible. Thank you so much for that update. Next
23 speaker.

24 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Can I ask questions now.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Oh, did you have a question?

1 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Quickly? Thank you very much
2 for a great, great report regarding the curfew; and I
3 thought of it at your press conference. What are we going
4 to do about kids who are working? Maybe they don't get
5 off from McDonald's until midnight or 11 o'clock, or
6 certainly even the mall doesn't close until 10, so they
7 could be, you know, at a bus stop or something like that.
8 So what do you suggest?

9 CHIEF BETTISON: They actually, and I don't have PSAs
10 put out as well, but if they have a work permit and they
11 have their ID and can show that they were at work, they
12 will not be penalized nor their parents.

13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Or their parents, obviously.
14 Okay. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Next speaker,
16 please.

17 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good evening, board. I'm Minister
18 Eric Blount from Sacred Heart Catholic Church right here
19 in Detroit. The last 10 minutes of discussion has done a
20 lot to prove that there is structural corruption. The
21 chief said nothing about police officer misconduct, but
22 that's why we're here. That's the major focus of why
23 we're here. But no one said a word and we let him do what
24 he's going to do. We're going to talk about crime because
25 there's no other place in this community, in the city, to

1 have this kind of forum on crime. So he uses it to the
2 best of his ability. And if he can avoid police officer
3 misconduct, all the better for his officers. Chairperson,
4 I told you the last time we were here; well, first of
5 all, this is the second meeting where you've not had a
6 quorum. The second community meeting, you've not had a
7 quorum.

8 And I've said before, you are captain of a sinking
9 ship. And therefore, something really important, really
10 significant has to happen. Facial recognition technology
11 is one of the issues on the mayoral debate. And yet the
12 police department decides they're not even going to give
13 you a report on facial recognition technology or
14 ShotSpotter this week. Okay. Nothing more to say. Nothing
15 more to do. Over a year ago, OCI, Reverend Warfield
16 almost begged this board to look into the fact that
17 police officers are handcuffing citizens and not
18 arresting them. Shouldn't that be a leading indicator
19 that something is really going wrong; or if not, at least
20 know it? It has to be something that grabs your
21 attention. This dashboard, whoever came up with it, is
22 virtually useless. And again, why not put something on
23 there that shows some type of early warning intervention.
24 Recent citizen complaints have revealed that an officer
25 lied and stole \$600 from a citizen. Why not use that as

1 an early warning indicator of what's going wrong with
2 police officer misconduct? I do realize my time is up.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: Through the Chair.

6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Excuse me.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: One second. Commissioner
8 Woods.

9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Thank you. I'm glad to say that
10 I'm very, very proud of the chief's response, and that
11 particular misconduct that that officer has been
12 suspended. And I know that that suspension without pay
13 would be before us. And when you talk about structural
14 corruption, you know, those are some harsh words,
15 minister. The fact of the matter is that the chief
16 reports dealing with this community in terms of the pain
17 and the suffering of 4-year-olds, seeing her mother
18 scream; You know, families in the hospital screaming. The
19 community is terrorized by violence, children being shot
20 in parks and stuff, that is a community interest. And we
21 100% would need this community to hear those things and
22 see what they can do to be able to help, and get the
23 resources that they need to be able to help this
24 community. And then he has an obligation to inform this
25 community in terms of any type of policy changes so that

1 citizens cannot be caught off guard. And so I'm very,
2 very pleased with the chief report and I'll say keep on
3 spreading the word throughout this entire community in
4 terms of what are the rules of engagement so that
5 citizens will not get caught in a trick bag.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. One
7 second. I just want to also respond to the fact that we
8 do get reports weekly on ShotSpotter activity and also
9 facial recognition activity. So we are getting those
10 reports just for your information. Thank you.

11 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. I like to --- it's not on, can
12 you hear me?

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes, we can hear you.

14 MS. WILLIAMS: Okay. I want to make sure very clearly
15 you all can hear this. I've been complaining about
16 officers. I like the chief says, you all can see
17 everything. So you should be able to see these officers
18 getting off these buses, going to all these precincts
19 that live in shelters, taking up bed spaces from the
20 homeless. Now, it's a difference when you cannot afford
21 to pay rent, but when you can afford to pay rent, you
22 need to get out here. Then you're getting a 30% voucher
23 after you leave the shelter. That's not acceptable. And
24 I'm talking about old school. Sure Hall, Lashanda
25 Houston. This is not acceptable. We are talking about

1 accountability; all of my complaints, what's going on
2 with that? And tell me how officers are able, who are not
3 even US citizens, who are in the Detroit Police
4 Department, excuse me, or have been locked up, were able
5 to pass fingerprints and then get their license.

6 There's an issue with that too. So we are talking
7 about corruption to the highest level, accountability,
8 transparency. You all make so many excuses. And my heart
9 goes out to all these parents that lose their children.
10 But we need to hold these officers accountable for all
11 this illegal corruption that they're doing every day.
12 They use some props as tethers. I'm on the bus, I see all
13 of this. So why are there so many bikes at these 12
14 precincts and motor scooters, whatever they use? So you
15 can't tell me you are not aware of this situation,
16 because you all are part of the problem because you
17 apparently don't want to do your job correctly. This
18 board is for the oversight, the illegal corruption of the
19 Detroit Police Department. And I've been speaking about
20 this over a year about officers in these shelters. Now,
21 like Internal Affairs. I haven't got a call from anybody.
22 I can pick every last one of them out, especially the
23 ones who are at 3426 Mac. So why haven't I gotten a call
24 to say, well, Ms. Williams, you want to come in and pick
25 out these officers or even contact the FBI if you all are

1 not capable of doing your job correctly. Thank you very
2 much.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next speaker.

4 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Arthur Edge, and then we'll go
5 into Zoom.

6 MR. EDGE: Good evening everyone.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good evening.

8 MR. EDGE: This board. Good evening, chief. How are
9 you doing, Todd?

10 CHIEF BETTISON: Sir.

11 MR. EDGE: I'm sitting back there and I've been
12 listening to people coming up here complaining about
13 Detroit police officers. How many of them are actually
14 involved with their precinct? How many are actually doing
15 things, building relationships with their police
16 department? I work with the 6th Precinct and I worked
17 with them all over the city; even when Todd was ---
18 before he was chief. I'm sorry, chief, before you were
19 Chief Todd.

20 CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you.

21 MR. EDGE: We have a good relationship. This
22 community over in the 6th Precinct on the 15th are going
23 to be feeding our officers, showing how much we love
24 them. We're going to be feeding them breakfast, lunch,
25 dinner, and the midnight shift. So what these people in

1 Detroit, now just turn around and look. A handful of
2 people here. Why aren't they not here to support their
3 officers? It takes a community and relationship with the
4 police department to make a difference. They can't do it
5 all by themselves. In any job organization, whatever,
6 yes, there are a few people --- bad apples, but we need
7 to praise the ones that are doing a great job. And I want
8 to thank you all for being here today and allowing me to
9 speak. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you. Next speaker.

11 MS. UNDERWOOD: Next we'll go into Zoom. Our first
12 speaker will be Ms. Howell. After Ms. Howell, it will be
13 Mr. Jadante Smith, and that will be the end.

14 MS. HOWELL: Thank you. My name is Shea Howell and
15 I'm a member of District 2, where I've lived for almost
16 50 years now. I want to thank the board for their actions
17 to take a stand for controlling federal intervention into
18 our city. I think it's an example of courageous and
19 thoughtful actions, and I want to encourage you to make
20 those resolutions and its intent real by establishing a
21 task force. And I also want to encourage you to recognize
22 that the kinds of tragedies we are experiencing in our
23 city require more than catching people who did something
24 wrong. As the gentleman before me just suggested, we can
25 show our appreciation to people by feeding them, by

1 supporting them, and by acknowledging what people are
2 doing that is good and valuable. We shouldn't only do
3 that for our police officers; we should be doing that for
4 our young people.

5 And I encourage the board of police commissioners to
6 think not only about how we can create programs that
7 catch people who do something horrible, but how do we
8 help young people find things to do that are enjoyable,
9 productive, and help them become better adults? So I want
10 to ask us to begin to really rethink the kind of
11 leadership that this board can give, not only to how we
12 look at the kind of tragedies being directed by our
13 federal government today, but at the tragedies that are
14 emerging in our community. I think we can do it if we
15 think about new kinds of questions. How do we stop gun
16 violence? How do we support young people? Let's think
17 about new ways of acting together.

18 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Yes, commissioner.

20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. Thank you Ms. Howell for
21 your perspective on that. You are spot on. Thank you
22 very, very much for that. And thank you for your
23 leadership too. That is exactly what the chief is talking
24 about. That's out in this community in record numbers
25 like I said, Detroit, it's partnership with SAY Detroit

1 with Mitch Albom. Hundreds and hundreds of children are
2 in summer camp, getting the resources that they need. He
3 and I went to a house that was given away to a family
4 over there in the 11th Precinct that was rebuilt by Mitch
5 and his team. And the resources given to that family is
6 second to none. And often in this community on a daily
7 basis, getting resources, he, and every particular
8 neighborhood talking to you, going inside the schools,
9 his teams are in almost droves of schools right now,
10 talking to those drivers, those young people that have a
11 lot of challenges. And so we are willing to join any and
12 everybody to be able to help our children, to help save
13 the lives of our children. You call us, we are going to
14 respond, and I can speak for this entire board. Then, I
15 don't even want to even talk about the Chair woman's
16 mission in terms of helping young people throughout this
17 entire city, the programs and all of the opportunities
18 she has created. And we also, we'll be given a thousand
19 dollars scholarship to someone in our Youth Advisory
20 Council. We have implemented that in there because we
21 want to help our children be empowered with education. So
22 we are not just sitting here not doing anything. We are
23 very, very proactive trying to prevent stuff from
24 happening and loving on our community and loving our
25 folks. And again, Commissioner Moore, when he was in that

1 precinct, he fed the whole community out of his own
2 pocket, out his own dime. And this whole board is just
3 doing the work throughout this entire city. So thank you
4 for asking, or bringing that up, but that's exactly what
5 we are doing. But if you need us; to join us in any place
6 at any time, we are there.

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, commissioner. Any
8 other comments? If not, next speaker?

9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Smith.

10 MR. SMITH: Good afternoon. May I be heard?

11 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, sir.

12 MR. SMITH: Hello? I just want to say I'm kind of
13 sick and tired of the vice chair. I'm glad he is not a
14 chair anymore. Stop grandstanding. Your job is to be a
15 commissioner and not to kiss up. You kiss up when you're
16 not a commissioner. Your position was selected by the
17 mayor and you do a very, very bad disservice. I've been
18 saying a quote to you, if you can't beat them, join them.
19 Definitely can beat you. But I want to say this board is
20 also for police officer misconduct. That's why a lot of
21 people are coming to complain, Mr. Edge, because this is
22 for police officer misconduct. I'm in the 7th Precinct.
23 I've had a lot of problems with the 7th Precinct. I've
24 tried to work with the precinct. I get shut down every
25 single time. And I know the chief; I shouldn't have to go

1 to the chief in order to work with the 7th Precinct.

2 They're terrible. My thing is, when the community
3 tries to work with the police department, we are
4 stonewalled, we are stopped, and we have a hard time. So
5 that's why a lot of times we don't work with the police.
6 They try to criminalize people who are trying to help and
7 do the right work. I'm in a mayoral forum and maybe not
8 my background, but my thing is, there are a lot of
9 officers who do a good job, but the officers do a bad
10 job, make everyone else look bad. The purpose of this
11 forum is to make sure that we can talk about the officers
12 who are doing a bad job, right? When we have a lot of
13 people who are running for this board, who are probably
14 told by whoever to run, who don't show up to these
15 meetings, who don't understand the importance of police
16 commission, who don't understand the importance of
17 officer misconduct being thoroughly investigated.

18 We have so many officers who are doing a good job.
19 We have so many officers who are not upholding their oath
20 or not upholding their badge, and they're in positions of
21 leadership. And I hate to say it, like I'm going to keep
22 bringing him up. Brandon Cole, he still has his same
23 positions as a lieutenant, still over Mobile Field Force.
24 And he's an a-hole, to say the least. But he's also
25 talking about political things, saying racist comments to

1 people at protests, things like that. Aggravating people,
2 creating unnecessary distractions. And for him to be at a
3 protest and not even have a body-worn camera on, that's
4 crazy. Like, that's the simplest precaution and protocol
5 you can have. And I'm glad that the officer who just
6 stole \$600 was caught because that type of behavior is
7 unacceptable for an officer under oath to be robbing
8 people during traffic stops or arrests, whatever it may
9 be. Even if you're a criminal, you deserve the right to
10 due process, not to be robbed by officers who you trust
11 to protect you, even if they are arresting you. So we
12 definitely need this board. We definitely need to have
13 people thoroughly investigated. And I want to work with
14 the 7th Precinct, and I look forward to that, chief.
15 Please connect me to Commander Johnson. He will not work
16 with me ---

17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Yes, commissioner.

19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I'm going to grandstand a little
20 bit more. Somebody needs to be on the grandstand to help
21 save our children. You know, all this rhetoric that we
22 are hearing, you know, be a part of the solution. Call
23 us, call me. I'll give you my number at the end of this
24 meeting. Call me. I'm coming. Call any of these
25 commissioners, we're coming. This isn't a grandstand.

1 These are not games that we're playing with the citizens
2 of the City of Detroit. These are precious lives. And
3 then when you talk about citizen complaints, you know, we
4 have an operation for that. Those have been addressed and
5 people have constitutional rights that we can't get out
6 and discuss individual cases, specifically. When Ms.
7 Kamiel (phonetic) sent us a citizen complaint, and we
8 responded to it. We weren't going to be out there in the
9 public talking about it, but she got a response and
10 everybody got their response. That's what we do. That's
11 what our operation does. And you will hear, the Chair
12 will give the chief investigator an opportunity to speak
13 tonight. That's what we do. But we can't violate people
14 rights. You know, people have due process. We don't want
15 to be sued for violating people's due process. So let's
16 not get off the grandstand and get to be a part of the
17 solution. We're not going to play politics. We are
18 commissioners who are sitting in these seats right now.
19 We are not concerned about who's running out there or who
20 is doing what and who's not doing what. That's their
21 business. We're not going to play politics here.

22 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Any other speakers?

23 MS. UNDERWOOD: That's the last speaker, Madam Chair.

24 CHIEF BETTISON: Madam Chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Chief, go ahead.

1 CHIEF BETTISON: Speaking about rights, my police
2 officers have rights also.

3 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Right. There you go.

4 CHIEF BETTISON: And they have the right to due
5 process too. And so we all do, you know, they have a
6 very, very tough job. And I, I know that you all realize
7 that. And to Mr. Blount, Officer Vesto, I don't think
8 there is one Detroit police officer that will come to his
9 defense. He tarnished the badge. When I was briefed about
10 it, I directed my folks to do what they're supposed to
11 do. And they did it. They arrested him. They arrested him
12 at work. When he came to work, they arrested him. And so
13 you can count on that. We are not going to protect
14 individuals that do that. Also, you know, we hire from
15 the community, and when individuals don't do the right
16 thing, we will. And we do hold them accountable. And I
17 don't like talking about it.

18 It doesn't give me pleasure, but I have a tough job.
19 And so I'm going to do what I need to do. Also, it wasn't
20 fun talking about the officer who stole the gym shoes. He
21 stole it from us. It was police on police crime in a
22 precinct. And we put that out there, and it was the
23 officers who told us. And so we have officers who are
24 doing the right thing and upholding it. So I just want to
25 lift up the 99% of my officers who are doing it the right

1 way. But I'm not going to tell you that all of them are
2 doing it the right way. But thank you all.

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, Chief. And I just
4 want to make a comment as well. I'm a lifelong resident.
5 I was born and raised in Detroit. This is my city too.
6 And I was interested in knowing what was happening with
7 the shootings of the children. It's tragic, and I know
8 that most of you here would want that information, which
9 is why I asked the chief to respond. Normally, we just
10 hear a comment and we don't always respond. But I wanted
11 him to have that opportunity to talk about what is
12 happening with our children. And so, yes, we're going to
13 be here to listen to complaints against officers, but
14 we're also here --- I'm a Detroit resident, and I want to
15 know what our police are doing in the community to help
16 alleviate or find the solutions to deal with this crime
17 that we're experiencing. So that's a part of these
18 meetings as well. And now I'd like to ask if Chief
19 Warfield would like to give a brief overview. We can give
20 staff reports. We can't give our regular reports since we
21 don't have a quorum. But if you could give a few words on
22 OCI activity.

23 CI WARFIELD: Thank you, Madam Chair, and through the
24 Chair. Let me say this, on behalf of all of the men and
25 women who work at the Office of the Chief Investigator,

1 we certainly want to thank you for your patience. We have
2 been in a technology transition mode for the last 8
3 months. We've been transitioning from our old antiquated
4 database system to our new case management tracking
5 system. And we know that we have not been able to provide
6 the updates as frequently as we could because when you're
7 transferring over more than 72,000 cases from one system
8 to another, along with all the reports that are contained
9 in that case, then it takes unfortunately a long time. I
10 want to thank the City of Detroit's technology team,
11 who's just been doing a yeoman's job in making sure that
12 we are where we are. But because we've been in this
13 transition, we have not slowed down in our work. We've
14 actually increased our pace in our investigations and our
15 closings. So I want to report to you that through the end
16 of June of 2025, the Office of the Chief Investigator has
17 investigated and closed 1,347 cases. Now, to some that
18 might not --- thank you.

19 And to put that in perspective, all of 2024, we
20 closed 947 cases. To put that, even in better
21 perspective, we're still at a record pace as it relates
22 to the number of cases that are coming into our office.
23 This year, we are tracking to receive about 2000 citizen
24 complaints. So the work is still continuing to come in.
25 We're grateful for the work that's coming in. But we also

1 want to thank this board for the technology that allows
2 us to be more proficient and efficient in what we do. But
3 also in the policy change that happened earlier this year
4 that allows us to make our way through our investigations
5 in a thorough and complete way. Also, I want to say that
6 last year at this time, we had 15 investigators that were
7 in our rotation. In other words, every time a case comes
8 in, it gets sent to one of our investigators in rotation.

9 Now, today we have 21, so we are 6 more
10 investigators strong. And we had a full staff. But our
11 staff is working extremely hard. And so we are very
12 thankful for that. We had a training just a few weeks ago
13 on our system, an updated training, on our new case
14 management system. And we are scheduled, just so you all
15 know, we are scheduled to investigate and close over 2300
16 cases in 2025. And what that would do for us, being on
17 that pace and being on that schedule, then we would've
18 been able to investigate all of our 2021, 2022, 2023, and
19 just about all of our 2024 cases. So what we carry over
20 into 2026, because we're still investigating 2025 cases
21 as we're doing all of this, we're carrying over a few
22 cases into 2026 from 2025. I want to give you the heads
23 up that that is what is going to happen.

24 Because again, we are still getting a number of
25 cases that are coming into our office. But from our

1 administrative staff personnel to our investigators, to
2 our supervisors, to our senior investigators, everybody
3 is overwhelmed, but we show up every day to get the job
4 done because we know that the citizens of the City of
5 Detroit count on us. And we thank you. So continue to
6 come to our office to call our office to go to the
7 precincts to make those reports in order that we may be
8 the accounting arm that you are expecting us to be. Thank
9 you so much.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you, Chief Warfield.
11 Commissioner Smith, you wanted to say something?

12 COMMISSIONER SMITH: Yes. Through the Chair. Excuse
13 me. I wanted to talk about the children once again, to
14 piggyback off of what the chief said. And I don't know if
15 we all understand the severity of what's going on in our
16 community. We are dealing with 15 and 16-year-old
17 children who are murderers, carjackers, shooters,
18 killers. They are not your average children. We must
19 engage. An engaged community is a safer community. And
20 the officer who was shot last week was shot by a 16-year-
21 old who was in return fatally injured. This is not a
22 game. This is something like none of us have ever seen.
23 It may be the same conversation or it may be, oh, the
24 kids are bad, but these are not the same children. I have
25 a job that I'm on call 24-hours a day, 7-days a week out

1 here in the community.

2 We have now joined --- what is it? The curfew
3 details where we're out every night up until 3 and 4
4 o'clock in the morning when the crime is starting. Get
5 engaged. I know this is an older crowd. And it may not be
6 you, it may not be your children, but definitely somebody
7 knows someone. If you just even pick a phone up to ask,
8 where are your children? Do you know where your children
9 are? Remember that when I was a kid, that was a slogan.
10 Do you know where your kids are? Do you really know where
11 they are? You know, as we sit here, and I don't know if
12 any of you all know what we do outside of being
13 commissioners, but most of us are tired. We're at work
14 and we're fighting and serving and engaging in a
15 community. I've been doing it for years. I won't stop
16 until I see the change that I want to see. But please be
17 engaged. Your children are not the children that you once
18 knew. These children are something different. So as I sit
19 here today to get prepared for my nightly patrol, just
20 know what you're dealing with. Check on your kids, be
21 safe, stay engaged, and look out for your neighbor. Thank
22 you.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you for that,
24 commissioner. Commissioner Bernard.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just very, very quickly, and I

1 want to piggyback on what you said, Tamara.
2 Unfortunately, last Friday night when I was leaving
3 police headquarters, I was walking toward, and an officer
4 was coming toward me. He was running real fast. I said,
5 you know, what's going on? He said, an officer has been
6 shot. I said, okay, where? And so he told me, and then I
7 went to the scene of the shooting. You would be so proud,
8 ladies and gentlemen, of not only the chief, but his
9 staff. Every deputy chief was there, everyone. This is
10 Friday night, close to midnight. They had stuff to do.
11 The chief of staff was there and everything. They had
12 cordon off the road. It was unbelievable. And the
13 community was totally standing back, totally standing
14 down. I think they were all waiting until Chief Bettison
15 got there.

16 He came. And as I just told him a few minutes ago,
17 when I walked in the door, I said, I've never seen you
18 like that before. Because everybody loves Bettison in the
19 city because he's such a nice person. But he was like
20 steel. I mean, it was like a person I'd never seen
21 before. He was totally focused on what had happened
22 there. And all of them came up there running to him
23 immediately, telling him what happened, and this
24 happened. And do you hear? He didn't even open his mouth.
25 I mean, it was amazing. They were just giving reports,

1 you know, staccato. And so he was really serious about
2 what had happened. And everyone was, and certainly I was.
3 And then I listened to him for a little while, and then I
4 decided to go to the hospital to see the officer. You
5 talked about children, Tamara. On my mother and my
6 father, the officer laying in the bed had to be about 18
7 or 19 years old, but he looked like he was 12 with just a
8 little bit of a shadow of a small fellow, maybe 115
9 pounds. He had been shot in the hand. He was at St.
10 John's. But to our credit, as I told --- chief knows, he
11 came over there too, ultimately, there were like 30
12 officers in the hallway. It's amazing how our officers
13 stand for each other. I mean, they didn't leave. It was
14 amazing. And it was hot and everything, but they stayed.
15 They were still there when I left. I talked to the young
16 man and his wife; and the chief went in and talked to
17 them as well.

18 So it was really interesting. But the children are
19 on both sides of this issue. There are youth on both
20 sides of this issue. And one of course is in blue and,
21 and one of course is not. I mean, I know that poverty has
22 an opportunity. It has a lot to do with what's happening
23 in the minds of young people. Your children didn't have
24 that Mother Bernice, because you had them on a different
25 path, obviously. I have clients that are 30 years old

1 that are grandmothers. So it's a different time right
2 now. And I don't know what all of the answers are, but I
3 do know that what you said, Tamara is important and that
4 is, that we hold them close, that we make, do whatever we
5 can talk to as many young people as we can. Get them
6 engaged, get them involved and try to keep them on the
7 right track, not just the rich kids.

8 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you for that message;
9 very, very kind message. And you know, chief, please let
10 the officer know that we're praying for him. And I know
11 that he was injured in the hand, but still, you know,
12 we're praying.

13 CHIEF BETTISON: Yep. And I'll just say this. You
14 know, I went to the hospital and of course saw him and I
15 can give the report. It looks like it was through and
16 through because he had a big hole in his hand. It's like
17 I could see through it as he was laying there, but I've
18 been told that it didn't hit any nerves or any damage and
19 he could still move his hand. So definitely prayers do
20 work. Thank you, all of that. And I thank Commissioner
21 Bernard because I got to the scene and she was at the
22 scene before I was, and I was thinking, even though I
23 didn't say anything, commissioner, like how does that
24 happen? And then when I got to the hospital, she was in
25 the room with the officer. And I said, well, I said, how

1 does that happen? So commissioner --- this board of
2 police commissioners, I thank you. You hold us
3 accountable, but you support us as well. And so I just
4 want to say thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHÉ: Thank you so much. Are there
6 any other comments?

7 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Move to adjourn.

8 MS. SMITH: Yep. Dinner. AACP Dinner. I was invited
9 to sit at a table of and he was at another table with his
10 guests. There was only myself at the table when it where
11 is everybody. And I felt so bad. And then all of a sudden
12 when I did go over there to go and eat, I was sitting
13 there by myself. And then I saw my police standing up
14 there. They were watching and guarding everything. There
15 were about 4 of them. What did yours truly do? I got on
16 my phone and called the chief. He's sitting at the dais.
17 I called him up and said, chief, I have about 5 seats
18 empty here. I said, can the police come? Because when I
19 asked them, they said, no ma'am, we can't because we're
20 on duty. But what did I did? I called on my phone and I
21 said, chief, this is Mother Bernice. I have about 5 empty
22 seats here. And do you mind if the police come in? They
23 said they're on duty, but is it alright if they sit down
24 and eat? What did my chief say to me?

25 FEMALE SPEAKER: Yes ma'am.

1 MS. SMITH: They were so grateful. And then two more
2 came. I had, well, you know, it's what, 12 at the table.
3 I had my police officers sitting at the table with me.
4 You understand?

5 CHIEF BETTISON: I started to go to the podium.
6 [crosstalk].

7 MS. SMITH: And they sat down too. So I had a table
8 [crosstalk] to sit down and eat eat.

9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I see you have other folks here.
10 It is going to be at the pleasure of the Chair, but the
11 community person, the person that represents this
12 community, I believe you have on that black hair wrap.
13 That's what Commissioner Moore indicated.

14 COMMISSIONER MOORE: President McGee.

15 COMMISSIONER WOODS: The president of this community.
16 So you come to the podium and give an update. Through the
17 Chair. I love you too.

18 PRESIDENT MCGEE: Good afternoon.

19 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCH: Yes.

20 PRESIDENT MCGEE: And welcome. Chief, the only words
21 I have for you is you're doing excellent. Like my
22 grandmother says, you like that piece of pie. You don't
23 consume it all at once. You take one slice at a time and
24 you are almost done with it. Thank you for the great job
25 that you're doing, and keep going. My name is Mary McGee

1 and I'm your president of the 6th Precinct Community
2 Relations. I have a relationship, a love relationship
3 with our 6th Precinct. And to us every day is officers'
4 appreciation, not just one day. So we have decided
5 Tuesday to show our officers how we love them. We are
6 going to start with breakfast. I don't mean continental
7 breakfast at 8:30. And it will end approximately --- what
8 time Mr. Edge, that you gave half of my speech. Breakfast
9 will be served from 8:30 to approximately 9:30.

10 At that point, Mr. Edge and his crew will be getting
11 lunch together. And when I say lunch, we're feeding them
12 food, not finger food. Lunch will be from 11:30 until;
13 and we are going to come back and serve them dinner until
14 12 midnight. And if anyone would like to volunteer to
15 help us serve, we appreciate it. But every day we
16 appreciate all of our officers, because in my opinion,
17 and I have seen a lot from different states and whatever,
18 we all have issues. But I'm proud to say that our police
19 department has taken the bull by the horn and we are
20 doing something and we are dealing with the children
21 because you know, they're going to come after us. So
22 please continue doing what you're doing. We love you and
23 you're doing a great job. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAEELSCH: Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Move to adjourn, Madam Chair.

1 COMMISSIONER MOORE: Support.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved and
3 supported. All those in favor indicated by saying, aye?

4 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

5 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Meeting is adjourned.

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9 (Meeting Adjourned at 7:41pm)

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